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BOND ELECTION WILL BE CALLED

Board of Supervisors Decides
Favorably on Construction
of \$75,000 Court House

\$100,000 FOR ROAD BONDS

To Provide Funds for Construc-
tion of Roads and High-
ways in County

The board of supervisors held its regular monthly meeting at the court house Wednesday, all members being present.

After the transaction of routine business, the board gave audience to E. F. Glick, representing Trost & Trost, architects, of El Paso, Texas. Mr. Glick presented several plans for the new court house which were made by his firm.

After looking over the plans submitted by Mr. Glick, the board was unanimous in the opinion that a much better building should be erected than the one first contemplated, which was estimated to cost \$40,000.

The plans most favored by the board were of a building to cost \$65,000. This building had the best interior arrangement, providing more room for all the county offices, large court room, rotunda and jail quarters.

Taking in view the future growth and needs of the county, the necessity for a building that would more fully meet the demands of the county became a convincing fact, and the board decided that it would agree on a proposition to build a court house to cost \$65,000.

Under the present law, the board can issue bonds up to \$50,000, not calling an election. For bonds over that sum, it is necessary to call an election, and the board agreed that an election be called for the purpose of authorizing a bond issue for \$75,000. This amount would pay for the building, furniture and site.

In connection with the election for the authorization of a bond issue for the new court house, the matter of providing funds for the building of county roads was brought up.

It was stated that Greenlee county had issued bonds for building new roads and that Gila county will hold an election August 12th to vote on a bond issue of \$500,000 for the construction and reconstruction of county roads, highways, new bridges, etc. The people of Greenlee and Gila counties having agreed on bond issues for making county roads and highways and there being no doubt of the work being done, left Graham county in between the two counties and no money provided for constructing better roads and highways from the Greenlee county line to the Gila county line. Graham county should not be behind either Greenlee or Gila counties in the making of better roads and a good highway through the county, so the question of issuing road bonds was favorably considered and resulted in the board declaring for an election to authorize a bond issue for \$100,000 for the purpose of construction and reconstruction of roads and highways.

The question of a bond issue for \$75,000 for the new court house and a bond issue of \$100,000 for roads and highways, will be submitted to the electors of Graham county at an election to be called for that purpose. Both questions will appear on the ballot.

President Andrew Kimball appeared before the board and advocated the construction of a much better building for the new court house than the board could provide for in a bond issue for \$50,000.

It was also stated before the board that the Arizona Eastern R. R., the largest taxpayer in Graham county, favored the construction of a \$75,000 court house.

The board took a recess until next Monday, when the board will meet and adopt the budget for the coming year.

BIRDNO PARTY RETURNS

John J. Birdno, Receiver of the United States Land Office, and party returned Tuesday afternoon after a motor trip to both expositions and the Grand Canyon. They left Phoenix a month ago, traveling to the coast via Yuma, and returning via the Grand Canyon. They report a splendid trip all the way. Those in the party were Mr. and Mrs. Birdno, Miss Blanche Birdno, and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Clayton, of Safford.

ENGINEERS MEET

Discuss Work by County Prisoners and Uniform System of Keeping Accounts

Road work by county prisoners, a standard bridge design for all county work and a uniform system of cost data, with an exchange of monthly statements, were endorsed or favorably discussed at the conference of county engineers at Flagstaff which resulted in the organization of the State Association of Highway Engineers. State Engineer Lamar Cobb was elected president of the new association and W. H. Caruthers, county engineer of Maricopa county, secretary. Membership in the association will be open to any engineer in the State.

Seven of the twelve county engineers were present at the conference, which discussed practical methods of highway construction and problems connected with the work of the county engineers. Members of the boards of supervisors also attended the sessions of the conference and pledged their support and cooperation in the movement for more efficient work on the highways.

One feature of the conference was the interest shown in proposition to work the county prisoners on the roads. Cochise county has so far been the only one to try this experiment, and now has a squad of six prisoners at work under guard on the county roads. The cost of keeping prisoners in jail, it was pointed out, ranges from fifty to seventy-five cents per day, while the expense to the county of working them on the roads would make a comparatively small inroad on the road fund as compared with day labor. The small number of prisoners worked under this system it was brought out, makes it possible to handle them in squads of from six to ten, under a foreman, who also acts as guard. The number in any county would not be large enough to amount to competition with paid labor, and at the same time the employment of the prisoners offered practically the only opportunity to use the new depleted county road funds to any advantage.

Perhaps one of the most important matters that came before the association was the proposition of a uniform system of cost data for all county road work, and the exchange of the monthly statements of expense by the various counties. Comparison of the costs of the same sort of work in the various counties will enable the engineers to ascertain just where they may stop leaks and how they may obtain the best results. One of the principles of the organization is that whenever a member is in doubt as to the solution of any problem that it shall be taken up with the organization and that he shall have the benefit of all the data and information at its command.

It was the sentiment of the association that all expenditures for road work should be approved by the county engineers before being paid by the board of supervisors, in order that the responsibility for money paid out should be placed on the official who is under bond for its proper use.

One result of the meeting of the association will be that more information and light on highway construction will be available at the State good roads meeting next month, and that problems to be discussed there will be presented with definite data looking toward their solution. A committee has been appointed to draft a constitution for the new association.

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Lamoreaux Has Narrow Escape

Ray Lamoreaux came very near losing his life Monday while working on the dam which is being constructed above the Pima bridge for the purpose of throwing the main current of the river under that part of the bridge which has been completed, in order to place the false truss.

A cable which stretched from the bridge to the other side of the river for the purpose of holding down the brush used to make the dam, broke, and Lamoreaux was caught between the cable and the brush and was unable to extricate himself. Mr. Hammel, superintendent of the bridge, happened to see the accident and went to Lamoreaux's rescue. He climbed out on a plank over the dam and caught Lamoreaux and held him up out of the water until help came.

Two young children of Mrs. Mary Clouse are down with typhoid at

A FATAL ACCIDENT

Miss Ethel Thomas and Earl Kerr Die from Injuries in Auto Wreck

Miss Ethel Thomas and Earl Kerr, of Globe, are both dead as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident which occurred in Lee House canyon, Pinal mountains, Saturday night.

According to the testimony of the members of the ill-fated party at the inquest held at Globe Monday, on reaching a rather sharp grade near the school house at which they intended to attend a dance, the engine of the car in which they were riding stopped the car and began rolling backwards. The brakes were applied to no effect and the driver attempted to swing the rear wheels into the embankment, which resulted in the overturning of the car.

The members of the party, with the exception of Kerr and Miss Thomas, who were pinned underneath the machine, escaped injury. The others of the party then turned the machine over, causing it to roll down the slope. The car was enveloped in flames and cries from Miss Thomas were heard. Mills rushed to the spot and succeeded in pulling Miss Thomas from the seething mass, while his comrades rescued Kerr.

The burning clothes of the unfortunate girl were ripped off and an auto robe wrapped around her. The pair were then rushed to the ranger station, where medical aid was summoned.

Dr. J. L. Wales responded and dressed the injuries of the two and the return trip to the city started, but in a short time the girl died. Kerr was taken to the hospital, where at first it was thought he had a fair chance of recovery. Shortly after 8:00 o'clock Sunday morning he lost consciousness and in a few moments was dead.

Services over the body of Miss Thomas was held yesterday at the Jones chapel, conducted by Rev. Hunsaker. The bodies of the two victims will be taken to Kansas City by William Kerr, father of the unfortunate youth, where arrangements have been made to bury them side by side. This arrangement was decided upon in view of the fact that the young couple were betrothed and expected to celebrate their nuptials this month.

Miss Thomas was employed at Neary's Confectionery, Globe, and was one of the popular members of the younger set. Her parents reside at Central.

Woman's Club Regular Meeting

The regular business meeting of the Woman's Club was held Friday afternoon, July 30th, at the M. E. Church.

Owing to the few members present, the usual program was dispensed with and an informal meeting held.

A semi-annual report of the condition of the Club was rendered by the treasurer, Mrs. Chas. S. Gilpin. Many suggestions were made and discussed in regard to the fly campaign, drinking fountain and screening of the school house.

The ladies adjourned at an early hour, after a short, but most interesting meeting.

The next social meeting of the Club will be held at the home of Mrs. Chas. S. Gilpin, Friday afternoon, August 13th. A cordial invitation is extended to all members to attend.

Graham County Secures \$10,000

While attending the tax conference at Flagstaff last week, Supervisors Foote and Matthews also attended the annual meeting of county engineers, which was being held also at Flagstaff.

They brought up the question of the State highway in Graham county and called State Engineer Cobb's attention to the very bad condition of the highway from Geronimo to Ft. Thomas.

Mr. Cobb informed the Messrs. Foote and Matthews that an appropriation of \$10,000 had been made for highway construction in Graham county and that the work would begin at once on the road from Geronimo to Ft. Thomas.

Need glasses? Call on Dr. Schell, the optician of Tucson, now on his regular visit to the valley. At Safford, Sunday and Monday; Thatcher, Tuesday, and Solomonville, Wednesday. Weak eyes, headaches, nerv-

Return Home from Auto Trip to Frisco

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Clayton, accompanied by Mrs. John J. Birdno, arrived home yesterday afternoon about 3:00 o'clock, ending an auto trip of 3,200 miles, during which they visited both expositions in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton left here July 1st in their auto, going to Phoenix by way of Globe and the Roosevelt Dam. At Phoenix they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Birdno and started out for San Diego, Cal., by way of Yuma and the Imperial valley.

They arrived at San Diego in good time and without mishap. From San Diego to Los Angeles they enjoyed some of the finest roads in the country, and from Los Angeles to San Francisco the trip was most enjoyable. At San Diego, they were joined by Miss Blanche Birdno, who made the trip to San Francisco by boat.

They enjoyed the exposition and were much impressed with the fine buildings and exhibits.

They started on their return trip going by way of Los Angeles and visiting the Grand Canyon before reaching Phoenix. After a short visit and rest up in Phoenix, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton, accompanied by Mrs. Birdno started out for home by way of Roosevelt Dam and Globe, arriving here yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Birdno will visit with her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Larsen, for several weeks before returning to her home in Phoenix, accompanied by her daughter, Lorraine, who has been spending the summer here with her sister.

\$100,000 Paid for Valley Grain

Leo Goldschmidt, president of the Gila Valley Milling Co., is a visitor in town this week, arriving from Tucson Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Goldschmidt visited the warehouse of the company on Twelfth street, which is nearly filled up with wheat and barley grown in the Gila valley this season.

So far the company has paid out in cash through the banks in the valley a little more than \$100,000 for wheat and barley. Farmers who raised wheat this year found a ready cash market with the company, which is paying \$1.85 per 100 pounds, the highest price ever paid for wheat in this country.

The Gila Valley Milling Company is making the best flour out of Gila valley grown wheat, a flour superior to that which is still being brought in here by valley merchants from Kansas and other points.

Mr. Goldschmidt expressed himself as highly pleased with the wheat production of the Gila valley this year and hoped it would be greater the coming year.

Many of our farmers are still holding on to their hay, for the reason that they cannot sell it. It looks very much as if they are learning a lesson that will help them materially in the future and larger crops of wheat will be grown.

The Third Annual Tax Conference

The third annual tax conference was held at Flagstaff last week.

The work of the convention, which was held under the auspices of the State tax commission, was completed Friday afternoon, July 30th.

The commission will now go to Phoenix, where it will meet as a board of equalization and consider the questions that were raised during the conference.

Boards of supervisors, clerks and assessors gather from all over the State annually at this conference with the purpose in view of getting together and having the taxation in the different counties as near alike as possible. It will be the duty of the tax commissioners to attend to this.

Each county was given a hearing with Charles R. Howe, chairman of the commission, presiding, and Jesse L. Boyce as secretary. Tom Campbell and C. M. Zander, the other members of the board, were also present.

The conference was attended by George A. Foote, Chairman Board of Supervisors; George Matthews, Member; Benj. Blake, Clerk Board of Supervisors, and J. Myron Allred, Assessor. They returned home Tuesday.

Neuralgia Pains Stopped

You don't need to suffer those agonizing nerve pains in the face, head, arm, shoulders, chest and back. Just apply a few drops of soothing Sloan's Liniment; lie quietly a few minutes. You will get such relief and comfort! Life and the world will look brighter. Get a bottle today. Three ounces for 25c. at all druggists. Penetrates

CHANGE AFFILIATION Part of Southern Na- tional Highway

The Borderland route is about to change alliances. J. H. Gray, of Bisbee thinks, and other Borderland secretaries are agreeing with him, that affiliation with the Southern National Highways Association will be better policy than with the Santa Fe trail. It is pointed out that the Santa Fe trail is not really a Borderland road.

The Southern National Highway follows the Mexican line through Texas and the coast of the gulf of Mexico, thus making it a true Borderland road. It shoots northeast after leaving Mobile, but a supplementary route continues through Pensacola to Jacksonville, Fla.

John F. Myers, president of the Borderland Association, agrees with Gray, and Gray says in a letter to him: "The suggestion of Mr. Davis (president of the National Highways Association, which is an ally of the Southern National Highways Association), of extending east from El Paso meets, you will probably remember, the expressed desires of El Paso representatives at the meeting here. It also is in line with the suggestion Ferguson made me that the Borderland, running northerly from El Paso, ceased to be a Borderland route. Davis makes of it a true Borderland. We have the utmost southerly route and hence the one real winter route. Note the feeders from the north that will run into it."

"I favor indorsing his suggestion and telling him to go ahead with the mapping and I favor such action being taken by you and me without consultation with the others in the matter and thus wasting valuable time. If you will vote with me I will go ahead, for I have the permission from Bisbee and Tombstone to act and El Paso already has expressed itself."

At present the Southern National Highway goes from Lordsburg to Phoenix by way of Clifton, Safford and Globe, but the association would issue a map showing the Bisbee-Tucson way in their very best red ink if Davis' suggestion is followed.

Dr. Schell, the optician of Tucson, was unable to visit the valley last week, as announced, but will positively be at the Olive Hotel, Safford, Sunday and Monday; Thatcher Hotel, Tuesday, and Solomonville Hotel, Wednesday. If you need glasses, call on him for expert service. adv-25-1t

Home Wedding at Thatcher

A very pretty wedding took place Wednesday evening at the home of John G. Morris, in Thatcher, when his daughter, Rose, was married to George David Nelson, of St. Johns, Arizona. President Andrew Kimball officiated.

The newly wedded couple held a reception on the lawn, which was prettily lighted with gas jets.

Following the reception, a program of music, singing and speaking was given. After the program delightful refreshments were served. A large crowd of relatives and friends were in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson left yesterday for St. Johns, where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Nelson has been one of Thatcher's most popular and useful young ladies for several years. Mr. Nelson comes well recommended from his home town. The happy couple have the best wishes of the people of Thatcher.

Ed Branch Sells Best Drug Store

Ed Branch has sold the Best Drug Store to Amos Cook. The deal was completed Tuesday night and Mr. Cook is now in possession of the store.

Mr. Cook is one of our leading young business men and has made a success of his confectionery store. He will move his stock, including the soda fountain, to the Best Drug Store within the next two weeks.

Mr. Branch and George Downen have purchased a business in Miami and will locate there. Their families will remain here for the present.

PROF. MATTHEWS A VISITOR

Prof. H. E. Matthews, principal of the Adams School, Phoenix, wife and two children are visiting with Mrs. Matthews' mother, Mrs. D. W. Cluff, in Thatcher. Prof. Matthews was formerly principal of Thatcher Schools. As principal of the Adams School he has made a great success and ranks with the leading educators of the State.

COURT SUSTAINS GOVERNOR'S VETO

Decision in Appropriation Case Overrules Demurrers and Writ of Mandamus

The application of the manufacturers of Hopski and Barette of an interlocutory injunction against Attorney General Wiley E. Jones, to prevent interference with the shipment of those products into Arizona was denied Friday, July 30th, by the Federal Court at Los Angeles, Cal. The judges were unanimous in the decision against the companies.

Suit was brought by the Mission Brewing Company, of San Diego, and the Copper City Brewing Company, of Douglas, in order to safeguard the shipments of the drinks into this State. Attorney General Jones and Assistant Leslie C. Hardy represented the State at the hearing. Attorney G. P. Bullard argued for the Mission Brewing Company and Attorney Sam Pattee, of Tucson, for the Copper City Brewing Company.

The decision of the Federal Court denying the application of the manufacturers of Hopski and Barette for an injunction against the attorney general of Arizona was due to the fact that the question is now pending before the Supreme Court of the State. The denial of the application does not bar the products from the State, but simply leaves the question involved, that of the importation of malted or fermented liquor, up to the State Supreme Court.

In the decision which was handed down by United States Circuit Judge Erskine M. Ross and United States District Judge William H. Sawtelle and Oscar A. Trippett, the court called attention to the provision of the amendment to the Arizona constitution prohibiting the introduction into the State of any "ardent spirits, ale, wine, beer or intoxicating liquors of any kind," and stated that while it was conceded by the defendants that the beverages in question did not contain sufficient alcohol to make them intoxicating, that the introduction of any malted or fermented liquor was absolutely prohibited.

Relative to the appeal before the Supreme Court, the opinion says: "It, therefore, clearly appears from the express admission of the parties that the very question, whether the introduction into Arizona of the sale therein of any malted or fermented beverage as prohibited by the constitution of the State, is now pending in the Supreme Court for decision. Whatever views the court might entertain of the true meaning of the word 'beer' appearing in the provisions of the constitution of Arizona, it is for the Supreme Court to decide the question, and the court did not think it would be justified in anticipating a decision in any respect."

The case referred to as pending before the Supreme Court of the State is an appeal from the judgment of the Superior Court of Cochise county in one of the Barette cases.

NEW FIRE MAP

A new fire map of Safford is being made for the insurance companies. Charles W. Seidel, of Los Angeles, Cal., arrived here Saturday and will spend about ten days in the work of enlarging the fire map of the town and will then go to Thatcher and make a new fire map of that town. Mr. Seidel is employed by the Sanborn Map Co., of San Francisco, Cal.

Pasture for horses, 3 miles south of Safford, \$2.00 per month. First house on Cienega road. J. W. LIVELY. adv-24-4t

New Store Building To Be Erected

Paul Brown will begin at once the construction of a new business block adjoining his dry good store on Tenth street.

The building occupied by Thorpe Bros. as a restaurant will be razed and a one-story cement brick building, 31 feet front and 50 feet deep, will be erected. The new building will be divided into two stores, one to be occupied by H. Houck & Son, as a grocery store, and the other will be occupied by Thorpe Bros. as a restaurant.

Mr. Brown also plans to change the front of his dry goods store. The new front will have plate glass windows and a recessed entrance.

The contract for the construction of the new building and for changing the dry goods store front has been awarded to Orson Foote. The construction of this new building will be a decided improvement to the business section of the

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STATE AUDITOR MAY APPEAL

The State Board of Equalization Must Decide Problem of Tax Levy

Sustaining Governor Hunt's veto of the general appropriation bill, the Superior Court of Maricopa county Wednesday overruled the demurrers to the complaint and granted the application of Jesse Boyce for an absolute writ of mandamus to compel the payment of claims by State Auditor Callaghan.

Whether the case will be taken up to the Supreme Court on appeal was the question considered at a conference between the State auditor and his attorneys Wednesday night. The draft of the decision was not in his hands until early in the evening, and until he had read it and conferred with counsel, Auditor Callaghan had no statement to make as to whether an appeal would be taken. At a late hour Wednesday night no decision had been reached in the matter of an appeal. Some action had been made of the decision, but as that paper had not yet been officially signed, and there were several minor changes to be made, it was considered that any announcement of the course to be taken would be premature.

The general and special demurrers of defendant to complaint and application for alternative writ of mandamus were overruled and the motion to quash the alternative writ was denied. The court granted a motion to make the alternative writ absolute, and for judgment in accordance with the prayer of the complaint.

The judgment was prepared in a manner so as to apply the ruling of the court to each of the items, payment of which was demanded by Boyce, and refused by the auditor.

The effect of the decision is to entirely sustain, with one exception, the veto of the governor. Just what course of action the State board of equalization will adopt when it comes to fix the State tax levy has not been decided. Members of the board heard of the court's decision with the greatest interest, but were not prepared to say what would be done with reference to the levy bill, which provides for a levy based on the appropriations passed by the legislature. The bill became a law without the governor's signature.

STATEHOOD GIRL IN CLOVE

It will be interesting to note that on the day the Statehood bill was signed and Arizona became the baby State of the Union, another child was born at Safford, just one hour afterwards and named "Arizona." The distinguished visitor is now in our midst in company with her mother, Mrs. Ringer, and is at the home of her uncle, Gila's sheriff, Frank Haynes. Doubtless—let it be hoped—the young lady will always have cause for pride in the State whose name she bears.—Arizona Record.

SECURES SCHOLARSHIP

Miss Priscilla Phillips has passed successfully the examination for a scholarship in the University of Arizona. Miss Phillips is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Phillips, of Thatcher.

Profit Sharing with Retail Buyers

On August 1, 1914, we made the announcement that if we could make and sell at retail 300,000 Ford cars between August 1, 1914, and August 1, 1915, we would share profits with the retail purchasers, to the extent of from \$40.00 to \$60.00 on each car. We have sold over 300,000 Ford cars in the time specified, and profit-sharing checks of \$50.00 each will be distributed as rapidly as possible after August 15, 1915. Retail purchasers who have not yet mailed us their profit-sharing coupons, properly endorsed, should do so without delay. SOLOMON COMMERCIAL CO., Solomonville, Arizona. adv-25-1t-n

Beginning September 1st, I will be at my office on K street, Safford. Those wishing me to care for their children's eyes may find me at this place. Meantime, a postal card brings me to your door without additional delay. Ask your optician.